

In the Specification

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Fig. 5 (A) shows results of analysis of bone marrow (BM), spleen, and peripheral blood (PB) from SHIP ^{-/-} H2B mice for the presence of hematopoietic stem cells (HSC;KTLS:Lin-cKit+Sca1+Thy1+) and early progenitor cells (Lin-cKit+) and late progenitor cells (LinlowcKit+) by flow cytometry analysis. Fig. 5 (B) shows results of analysis of marrow from SHIPDIP/DIP for HSC and progenitor cells as mentioned for BM H2B. Fig. 5 (C) shows results of statistical analysis showing the relative and absolute numbers of HSC and progenitor cells of different hematopoietic organs. The statistical analysis was performed using the unpaired Student T test. Results were considered significant (indicated by an *) when p values were under 0.005.